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Cc: Anna Weber[Anna.Weber@cadmusgroup.com]
From: Dermer, Michele
Sent: Fri 5/13/2016 4:30:35 PM
Subject: RE: ROUND MOUNTAIN AQUIFER EXEMPTION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

That should work for now.

From: Shari Ring [mailto:Shari.Ring@cadmusgroup.com]
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 5:26 AM
To: Dermer, Michele <Dermer.Michele@epa.gov>; McWhirter, Lisa <McWhirter.Lisa@epa.gov>
Cc: Anna Weber <Anna.Weber@cadmusgroup.com>
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For now, I added a note on the checklist template that the owner or operator's name may be confidential – just as a way to remind ourselves.

We can still indicate that it was provided without divulging it.

Shari Ring

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From: Dermer, Michele [mailto:Dermer.Michele@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 3:06 PM
To: McWhirter, Lisa <McWhirter.Lisa@epa.gov>; Shari Ring <Shari.Ring@cadmusgroup.com>
Cc: Anna Weber <Anna.Weber@cadmusgroup.com>
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I want to see what Jerry comes up with as far as a citation and a formal request. But it would

seem that this is something in Peters memo that is a problem for California.

From: McWhirter, Lisa
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 11:49 AM
To: Dermer, Michele <Dermer.Michele@epa.gov>; Shari.Ring@cadmusgroup.com
Cc: Anna Weber <Anna.Weber@cadmusgroup.com>
Subject: RE: ROUND MOUNTAIN AQUIFER EXEMPTION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

If that's California law, then I am ok not having the owners names not included in the AE package. I don't this will impact our review of the AE.

From: Dermer, Michele
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 2:46 PM
To: Shari.Ring@cadmusgroup.com; McWhirter, Lisa <McWhirter.Lisa@epa.gov>
Cc: Anna Weber <Anna.Weber@cadmusgroup.com>
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No, you can release internally. It's just a red flag on the information being distributed outside the agency. In Calidornia there is a law that that well ownership information is confidential. This is what Jerry is supposed to be sending me which he has not done yet.

From: Shari Ring [<mailto:Shari.Ring@cadmusgroup.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 11:35 AM
To: McWhirter, Lisa <McWhirter.Lisa@epa.gov>; Dermer, Michele <Dermer.Michele@epa.gov>
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We have not looked at anything yet, but were planning to soon.

The files are on Anna's hard drive only, but she was about to share them with another Cadmus geologist who was going to start the review. Should we hold off on this?

Shari Ring

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From: McWhirter, Lisa [<mailto:McWhirter.Lisa@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 2:31 PM
To: Dermer, Michele <Dermer.Michele@epa.gov>; Albright, David <Albright.David@epa.gov>; Engelman, Alexa <ENGELMAN.ALEXA@EPA.GOV>; Moffatt, Brett <Moffatt.Brett@epa.gov>
Cc: Shari Ring <Shari.Ring@cadmusgroup.com>; Anna Weber <Anna.Weber@cadmusgroup.com>; Montgomery, Michael <Montgomery.Michael@epa.gov>; Rao, Kate <Rao.kate@epa.gov>
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I have not downloaded the documents from the CD and have not viewed any of the items deemed confidential. I am not sure why well ownership would be deemed confidential? Don't permits include the owners information?

From: Dermer, Michele
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 2:18 PM
To: Albright, David <Albright.David@epa.gov>; McWhirter, Lisa <McWhirter.Lisa@epa.gov>; Engelman, Alexa <ENGELMAN.ALEXA@EPA.GOV>; Moffatt, Brett <Moffatt.Brett@epa.gov>
Cc: Shari.Ring@cadmusgroup.com; Anna Weber <Anna.Weber@cadmusgroup.com>; Montgomery, Michael <Montgomery.Michael@epa.gov>; Rao, Kate <Rao.kate@epa.gov>
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All, and in particular, David, Lisa, Alexa and Brett,

I had a call from Jerry Salera yesterday, who said he would followup with an email, but has not done so as yet.

He wanted to address the confidentiality of some of the information in the Round Mountain AE package, and how it would be different than the package posted on the website.

The information regarding the well owner is redacted on the version posted on the website. What we have includes the well owner's names. This is information the state considers confidential and should not have been given to EPA. Peter's checklist requests it, so we have an issue to address as far as our review. Jerry said in the future we will either get completed packages with the information included and a request to keep well ownership confidential, or the information redacted. He indicated that they had mistakenly published the ownership information on the website for AG, but this time they caught it. He requested we not circulate the version we have. So please, if you have a copy of the Round Mountain package, don't send it out until we get a read on what to do about the state's request to keep well ownership information confidential.

Once I get Jerry's email I will forward it and ask for advice from ORC. And from Lisa regarding the need for ownership information (requested by EPA in the memo but), do we really need it to approve an exemption? Coffman, Joel Coffman.Joel@epa.gov

Thanks, Michele

From: Albright, David

Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 9:36 AM

To: Dermer, Michele <Dermer.Michele@epa.gov>; Coffman, Joel <Coffman.Joel@epa.gov>; Engelman, Alexa <ENGELMAN.ALEXA@EPA.GOV>; Moffatt, Brett <Moffatt.Brett@epa.gov>; Montgomery, Michael <Montgomery.Michael@epa.gov>; Rao, Kate <Rao.kate@epa.gov>

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In case you have not seen this.

From: Comments@DOC [<mailto:Comments@conservation.ca.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 9:32 AM

To: Comments@DOC <Comments@conservation.ca.gov>

Subject: ROUND MOUNTAIN AQUIFER EXEMPTION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The California Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources, with concurrence of the State Water Resources Control Board, is considering a proposal to expand the current aquifer exemption designation for the Jewett and Pyramid Hill sands of the Freeman-Jewett Formation, the Vedder Formation, and the Walker Formation in the Round Mountain Oil Field (in unincorporated Kern County, approximately ten miles northeast of central Bakersfield). Subject to approval by the US Environmental Protection Agency, the proposed aquifer exemption would allow the State, in compliance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, to approve Class II injection into the identified area, either for enhanced oil recovery or for injection disposal of fluids associated with oil and gas production.

Please see the attached Notice for further information regarding the Aquifer Exemption proposal.